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PREFACE

The report presented here focuses on crime and arrest data for the District of Columbia for CY 1981 and highlights several important findings and trends. Although detailed discussions of data are presented throughout the text of the report, the reader will find the following tables and discussions of immediate interest:

--Table 1 (page 3) which presents reported Crime Index Offense rates (as based upon population estimates) for the District of Columbia, CY 1971-1981

--Table 2 (page 4) which highlights the District's relative preponderance of property rather than violent related crimes for the period from 1971-1981, but the concomitant increase of violent offenses in 1981 over 1980 levels

--Table 6 (page 12) which presents the number of arrests for Crime Index Offenses in the District of Columbia for CY 1971-1981

--Table 15 (page 26) which evidences the increased usage of firearms in the commission of violent crimes, an increase which dates from 1979, and

--Table 17 (page 28) which reviews both reported offenses, adult and juvenile arrests for violation of drug laws in the District of Columbia for CY 1971-1981.

Other tables will also be of interest, e.g., the special Addendum to this report, an addendum which presents five year trend data for Juvenile and Adult Part II Drug Arrests, CY 1977-1981.

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Introduction

The purpose of this report is to update data previously reported on in OCJPA literature on crime and arrests within the nation's capital. By way of background, the report summarizes crime and arrest data drawn from the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) of the District of Columbia, and it draws relevant comparisons with patterns noted in the 1980 Crime and Arrest Profile.[1]

As noted in previous reports, the analysis of crime and arrest data entails two sets of concerns: an overview of crime and arrest data specific to the eight offenses which constitute the Crime Index of the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports (see below), and secondly, an overview of data relevant to specific criminal justice research concerns: trends in reported crimes (for both the District and other selected major cities), trends in the demographic makeup of the arrestee population, arrest data relevant to specific offense types, and finally, selected analyses of data relevant to current questions of criminal justice research.

For purposes of classification, the crimes reported on in this report are those of either a violent or property based nature. Crimes falling within the first category are those of murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault; crimes falling within the second category are those of burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Although other types of offenses could be examined, these are selected as according to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting System, their "seriousness, frequency of occurrence, and likelihood of being reported to police" suggest them as major indicators of crime throughout the United States.[2]

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[1] Crime and Arrest Profile: The Nation's Capital, 1980. Published by the Office of Criminal Justice Plans and Analysis, September 1981.

[2] U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Uniform Crime Reports of the United States, Washington, D.C. Government Printing Office, 1977, p.1.

Trends in Reported Crime

Data for the number of Crime Index offenses for the eleven year period from 1971 to 1981 are presented below in Table 1. As the data suggest, reported crime levels in the District have fluctuated markedly, with the most notable changes occurring after 1971 and 1975 where clear decreases are evident. However, as the data also suggest, these decreases have each been temporary, as the overall trend is toward an increase in reported offenses, with the most steady pattern of increase occurring from 1976 to 1981.

With respect to the specific 1981 level of reported crimes in the District, it may be noted that this level is 6.7% higher than that of the Crime Index total for 1980 and only 3.1% lower than that of the 1971 level, a high of 70,533 reported offenses. Further, this figure is 20.5% higher than the annual average for this eleven year period, as the latter is 56,691.

Table 1

Population Estimates and Number and Rate per 100,000 of Reported Crime Index Offenses in the District of Columbia, Calendar Years 1971-1981[a]

Year		Population Estimate	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter[b]	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson[c]
1971	Total	753,300	70,553.0	16,121.0	54,432.0	275.0	652.0	11,222.0	3,972.0	18,818.0	26,882.0	8,732.0	-
	Rate	-	9,362.1	2,139.2	7,222.9	36.5	86.5	1,489.1	527.1	2,497.1	3,567.1	1,158.7	-
1972	Total	752,700	52,625.0	12,617.0	40,008.0	245.0	724.0	7,751.0	3,897.0	12,801.0	21,386.0	5,821.0	-
	Rate	-	6,991.5	1,676.2	5,315.3	32.6	96.2	1,029.8	517.7	1,700.7	2,841.2	773.4	-
1973	Total	739,600	51,046.0	11,631.0	39,415.0	268.0	596.0	7,176.0	3,591.0	11,801.0	22,901.0	4,713.0	-
	Rate	-	6,901.8	1,572.6	5,329.2	36.2	80.6	970.3	485.5	1,595.6	3,096.4	637.2	-
1974	Total	729,100	54,644.0	11,590.0	43,054.0	277.0	561.6	7,941.0	2,811.0	14,126.0	25,004.0	3,924.0	-
	Rate	-	7,494.7	1,589.6	5,905.1	37.9	76.9	1,089.2	385.5	1,937.5	3,429.4	538.2	-
1975	Total	721,800	55,166.0	12,713.0	42,453.0	240.0	524.0	9,137.0	2,812.0	13,164.0	25,892.0	3,397.0	-
	Rate	-	7,642.8	1,761.3	5,881.6	33.3	72.6	1,265.9	389.6	1,823.8	3,587.1	470.6	-
1976	Total	707,900	49,726.0	10,399.0	39,327.0	188.0	508.7	7,044.0	2,659.0	11,869.0	24,506.0	2,952.0	-
	Rate	-	7,024.4	1,469.0	5,555.5	26.6	71.8	995.1	375.6	1,676.7	3,461.8	417.0	-
1977	Total	691,500	49,812.0	9,835.0	39,977.0	192.0	393.0	6,656.0	2,594.0	11,590.0	25,645.0	2,742.0	-
	Rate	-	7,203.5	1,422.3	5,781.2	27.8	56.8	962.5	375.1	1,676.1	3,708.6	396.5	-
1978	Total	676,100	50,950.0	9,515.0	41,435.0	189.0	477.0	6,333.0	2,546.0	12,497.0	25,744.0	3,194.0	-
	Rate	-	7,535.9	1,407.3	6,128.5	28.0	66.1	936.7	376.6	1,848.4	3,807.7	472.4	-
1979	Total	660,200	56,721.0	10,553.0	46,168.0	180.0	489.0	6,920.0	2,964.0	13,452.0	28,819.0	3,606.0	291.0
	Rate	-	8,591.5	1,598.5	6,993.0	27.3	74.1	1,048.2	449.0	2,037.6	4,365.2	546.2	44.1
1980	Total	637,651	64,035.0	12,772.0	51,263.0	200.0	439.0	8,897.0	3,236.0	16,260.0	31,068.0	3,568.0	367.0
	Rate	-	10,042.3	2,003.0	8,039.4	31.4	68.8	1,395.0	507.5	2,550.0	4,872.3	559.6	57.6
1981	Total	630,500	68,338.0	14,468.0	53,870.0	223.0	414.0	10,399.0	3,432.0	16,832.0	32,845.0	3,765.0	428.0
	Rate		10,837.0	2,294.3	8,542.7	35.4	65.7	1,649.1	544.2	2,669.2	5,208.5	597.1	67.9

[a]The following classifications will be used in this and subsequent tables:

Crime Index total equals Violent Crime total plus Property Crime total.
Violent crime total equals the sum of murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault.
Property crime total equals the sum of burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

[b]Data for 1971-1976 include Manslaughter by Negligence which is a Part I offense but not a Crime Index offense.

[c]Arson was classified as an Index Crime in 1979 and is included in the Property Crime Total and Crime Index Total for 1979-1981 only.

SOURCES: Offenses for 1971-1976: Office of Criminal Justice Plans and Analysis, 1978 Comprehensive Criminal Justice Plan, January 1978.
Offenses for 1977-81:
Metropolitan Police Department, "Offenses Reported Under Uniform Crime Reporting Program," unpublished data.
Population estimates: Office of Planning and Development, Data Division, 1981 Provisional Estimates, unpublished data.

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To gain some perspective on the nature of this increase, it is helpful to look at the proportions of violent and property crimes which account for the annual totals. These proportions are presented in Table 2 below, and as the figures of this table indicate, there is a relative increase in reported property crime to 1979 (with a corresponding decrease in reported violent crime to this time), and then a slight increase in reported violent crime in 1980 and 1981, with again, the corresponding change in reported property crime for these years. On balance, however, these increases and decreases are small, as when one considers the eleven year period as a whole, one finds that the proportions are quite steady, with property crime constituting nearly four-fifths of the totals for any given year.

Table 2

Number and Percent of Reported Violent and Property Offenses, 1971-1981

Year	Crime Index Total	% Violent Crime	% Property Crime
1971	70,533	22.9	77.1
1972	52,625	24.0	76.0
1973	51,046	22.8	77.2
1974	54,644	21.2	78.8
1975	55,166	23.0	77.0
1976	49,726	20.9	79.1
1977	49,812	19.7	80.3
1978	50,950	18.7	81.3
1979	56,721	18.6	81.4
1980	64,035	19.9	80.1
1981	68,338	21.2	78.8

Figures in Table 3 indicate the number of reported Crime Index offenses by Police Districts for CY 1981. Overall, the 1981 increase in reported offenses is relatively evenly distributed over the city's seven police districts, as Crime Index totals for each district increased over 1980 levels. Further, the distribution of reported property and violent crimes remained relatively stable in 1981, as the pattern of 1981 data virtually duplicates that of the 1980 data for the first, second, and third police districts. Thus, the first police district reported the highest number of property and violent crimes, whereas the second police district ranked second in reported property crimes and last in reported violent crimes. Further, just as was the case in 1980, the third police district ranked third in reported property crimes and second in reported violent crimes. Variation did occur, however, for the remaining police districts. Thus, the fourth police district ranked sixth in reported property crimes and fifth in reported violent crimes, and the fifth district ranked third in property crimes and fifth in violent crimes. Finally, the sixth district ranked sixth and seventh in reported property and violent crimes, respectively, and the seventh district fourth on both types.

Table 3

Number of Reported Crime Index Offenses by Police District
in the District of Columbia, Calendar Year 1981

District	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
1	14,586	2,923	11,663	25	53	2,197	648	2,648	8,227	710	78
2	11,859	1,305	10,554	8	35	1,056	206	3,174	6,887	461	32
3	10,599	2,501	8,098	53	51	1,753	644	2,277	5,345	403	73
4	9,133	2,034	7,099	34	63	1,499	438	2,537	4,021	471	70
5	9,658	2,244	7,414	44	64	1,625	511	2,700	3,914	745	55
6	5,032	1,377	3,655	18	44	905	410	1,308	1,836	485	26
7	7,471	2,084	5,387	41	104	1,364	575	2,188	2,615	490	94
Total	68,338	14,468	53,870	223	414	10,399	3,432	16,832	32,845	3,765	428

SOURCE: Metropolitan Police Department, "Offenses Reported Under Uniform Crime Reporting Program," March 30,1982.

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Table 4 provides data on the number and rate of reported Crime Index offenses (per 1,000 residents) by city wards; and, as with the data on police districts, several patterns are again duplicated in 1981 data. Ward 2, which primarily encompasses the downtown areas of the District, indicates the highest property and violent crime rates, followed by Ward 1 which ranks second in both crime categories and Ward 6 which ranks third in both categories. The remaining wards tended (again in 1981) to approximate one another in crime rates for both violent and property crimes. Ward 3 had the lowest violent crime rate while Ward 8 indicated the lowest property crime rate. Overall, the District had a reported Crime Index offense rate of 107.1 offenses per 1,000 residents, with the rates of reported violent and property offenses per 1,000 residents falling at 22.7 and 84.4 respectively.

Table 4

Population Estimates and Number and Rate per 1,000 of Reported Crime Index Offenses by Ward[a] in the District of Columbia, Calendar Year 1981

Ward		Population Estimate	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
1	Total	78,700	9,052.0	2,159.0	6,893.0	49.0	49.0	1,512.0	549.0	2,122.0	4,375.0	318.0	78.0
	Rate		115.0	27.4	87.6	0.6	0.6	19.2	7.0	27.0	55.6	4.0	1.0
2	Total	81,400	21,834.0	3,963.0	17,871.0	40.0	76.0	2,968.0	879.0	4,107.0	12,544.0	1,123.0	97.0
	Rate		268.2	48.7	219.5	0.5	0.9	36.5	10.8	50.5	154.1	13.8	1.2
3	Total	77,800	5,396.0	654.0	4,742.0	4.0	25.0	525.0	100.0	1,561.0	2,964.0	195.0	22.0
	Rate		69.4	8.4	61.0	0.1	0.3	6.7	1.3	20.1	38.1	2.5	0.3
4	Total	81,900	5,982.0	1,155.0	4,827.0	13.0	44.0	846.0	252.0	1,745.0	2,657.0	378.0	67.0
	Rate		73.0	14.1	58.9	0.2	0.5	10.3	3.1	21.3	32.4	4.6	0.6
5	Total	82,600	7,136.0	1,588.0	5,548.0	29.0	49.0	1,120.0	390.0	2,056.0	2,886.0	569.0	37.0
	Rate		86.4	19.2	67.2	0.4	0.6	13.6	4.7	24.9	34.9	6.9	0.5
6	Total	75,700	8,053.0	1,932.0	6,121.0	32.0	47.0	1,454.0	399.0	2,252.0	3,349.0	478.0	42.0
	Rate		106.4	25.5	80.9	0.4	0.6	19.2	5.3	29.8	44.2	6.3	0.6
7	Total	82,400	5,866.0	1,571.0	4,295.0	19.0	55.0	1,061.0	436.0	1,498.0	2,190.0	574.0	33.0
	Rate		71.2	19.1	52.1	0.2	0.7	12.9	5.3	18.2	26.6	7.0	0.4
8	Total	77,900	5,051.0	1,448.0	3,603.0	29.0	75.0	906.0	438.0	1,450.0	1,729.0	347.0	77.0
	Rate		64.8	18.6	46.3	0.4	1.0	11.6	5.6	18.6	22.2	4.5	1.0
	Total	638,400	68,370.0	14,470.0	53,900.0	215.0	420.0	10,392.0	3,443.0	16,791.0	32,694.0	3,982.0	433.0
	Rate		107.1	22.7	84.4	0.3	0.7	16.3	5.4	26.3	51.2	6.2	0.7

[a] Ward totals may not be the same as city totals due to changes occurring as a result of UCR classifications.

[b] Population Estimates for wards are based on 1980 estimates.

SOURCES: Population estimates: Office of Planning and Development, Data Division "Population Estimates in Washington, D.C., 1980." Offenses: Metropolitan Police Department, unpublished data.

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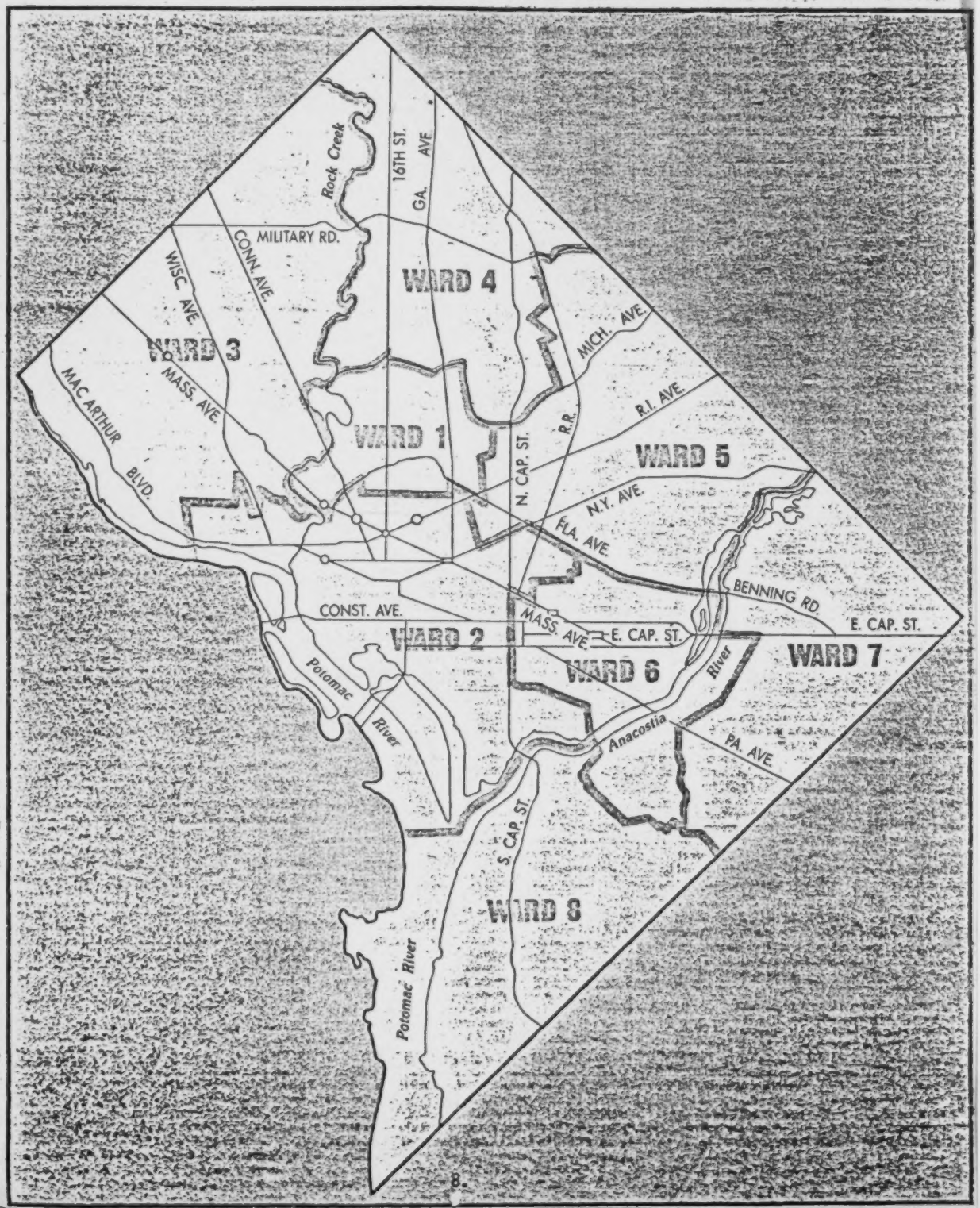
WARDS IN THE DISTRICT



Crime Rates in the District of Columbia and Other Selected Cities

Although annual district and ward levels of data provide some measure of reported crime levels within the District of Columbia, a more sensitized measure comes from the examination of specific offense figures for violent and property crimes, and these as they may be compared to data from other jurisdictions. Table 5 presents the data which may be used for such a comparison. Based upon a selected sample of ten cities comparable to the District in population estimates, this table provides the reader both overall violent and property crime rates for these cities and the rates for those specific offenses which constitute these categories.

As a first point of comparison, then, it may be noted that those cities with the highest overall reported Crime Index rates per 100,000 residents are (a) Boston, Massachusetts; (b) Washington, D.C.; and (c) Cleveland, Ohio. Thus, the District ranks second among these ten cities in Crime Index rates, and it has a ranking of second for reported violent crimes and fourth for reported property crimes.

With respect to specific offenses, the District evidenced the highest robbery and larceny-theft rates for these ten cities and the third lowest rate for motor vehicle theft. The District evidenced positions within the middle of this distribution for the remaining offenses, save that of forcible rape where it ranked the next to the lowest.

Of especial interest is the change which occurred in the District's overall Crime Index rate from 1980 to 1981. As a comparison of data from these years indicate, the District's overall Crime Index rate increased by 8.5%. Two changes are reflected in this increase: the absolute increase in reported Crime Index offenses, and secondly, the District's drop in population estimates (down by 1.1%).

Table 5

Population Estimates and Number and Rate per 100,000 Reported Crime Index Offenses in Ten Selected Cities, Calendar Year 1981

Cities[a]		Population Estimate	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total	Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson[b]
Baltimore	Total	786,775	78,380.0	17,737.0	60,643.0	228.0	565.0	10,715.0	6,229.0	18,446.0	36,066.0	5,314.0	817
	Rate		9,962.2	2,254.4	7,707.8	29.0	71.8	1,361.9	791.7	2,344.5	4,584.0	675.4	103
Boston	Total	562,994	79,643.0	14,071.0	65,572.0	100.0	531.0	9,248.0	4,192.0	16,694.0	27,137.0	21,741.0	
	Rate		14,146.3	2,499.3	11,647.0	17.8	94.3	1,642.6	744.6	2,965.2	4,820.1	3,861.7	
Cleveland	Total	573,822	61,852.0	12,429.0	49,423.0	233.0	621.0	7,821.0	3,754.0	18,368.0	14,846.0	15,078.0	1,131
	Rate		10,779.0	2,166.0	8,613.0	40.6	108.2	1,363.0	654.2	3,200.9	2,587.2	2,627.6	197
Jacksonville	Total	540,920	45,376.0	5,643.0	39,742.0	89.0	410.0	2,340.0	2,795.0	13,096.0	24,469.0	1,871.0	306
	Rate		8,388.7	1,041.6	7,347.1	16.5	75.8	432.6	516.7	2,421.1	4,523.6	345.9	56
Memphis	Total	646,356	54,094.0	7,056.0	47,038.0	133.0	760.0	4,092.0	2,071.0	18,157.0	22,944.0	5,168.0	769
	Rate		8,369.0	1,091.7	7,277.4	20.6	117.6	633.1	320.4	2,809.1	3,549.7	799.6	119
Milwaukee	Total	636,212	45,037.0	3,424.0	41,613.0	71.0	290.0	1,806.0	1,257.0	10,293.0	27,512.0	3,546.0	262
	Rate		7,079.0	538.2	6,540.7	11.2	45.6	283.9	197.6	1,617.9	4,324.3	557.4	41
New Orleans	Total	557,482	52,419.0	8,121.0	44,298.0	217.0	453.0	4,950.0	2,501.0	13,117.0	25,305.0	5,615.0	261
	Rate		9,402.8	1,456.7	7,946.1	39.0	81.3	888.0	448.6	2,353.0	4,539.2	1,007.2	46
San Jose	Total	636,550	55,936.0	4,122.0	51,814.0	68.0	465.0	2,070.0	1,519.0	14,932.0	31,708.0	3,752.0	1,422
	Rate		8,787.4	647.6	8,139.8	10.7	73.1	325.2	238.6	2,345.8	4,981.2	589.4	223
San Francisco	Total	678,974	72,242.0	12,011.0	60,231.0	126.0	672.0	7,386.0	3,827.0	17,715.0	35,337.0	6,749.0	430
	Rate		10,639.9	1,769.0	8,870.9	18.6	99.0	1,087.8	563.6	2,609.1	5,204.5	994.0	63
Washington, D.C.	Total	630,600	68,338.0	14,468.0	53,870.0	223.0	414.0	10,399.0	3,432.0	16,832.0	32,845.0	3,765.0	428
	Rate		10,837.0	2,294.3	8,542.7	35.4	65.7	1,649.1	544.2	2,669.2	5,208.5	597.1	67

[a]Cities were selected based on the Metropolitan Police Department's selection of cities with a population of 500,000 or above.

[b]Data for arson were incomplete in some instances.

SOURCES: Population Estimates: U.S. Bureau of Census, State Population Division, 1980 Census. District of Columbia estimates are 1981 provisional estimates, Office of Planning and Development, unpublished data, Reported Offenses: Uniform Crime Reports, 1981 Preliminary Annual Release, April 7, 1982.

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Arrest Trends

Trends in Total Arrests

Table 6 presents the total number of arrests for Crime Index offenses in the District of Columbia for the eleven year period from 1971 to 1981. As was noted in the 1980 Crime and Arrest Profile update, the total number of arrests rose in 1972, declined in 1973, peaked in 1974 and then declined steadily until 1977. Totals then increased again, however, in 1978 and 1979, dropped off in 1980 and increased again in 1981. Data from 1981 indicate a 4.5% increase in arrests for Crime Index offenses over figures for the previous year, and with respect to 1981 arrests for property and violent crimes per se, the increases were respectively .5% and 6.6%. With respect to arrests for Crime Index offenses only two categories show a decrease over 1980 data: those of arrests for forcible rape (down by 16%) and aggravated assault (down by 4.3%). Other categories all evidenced increasing numbers of arrests from 1980 to 1981 with arrests for murder and non-negligent homicide showing the highest increase i.e., an increase of 17.9% over figures for 1980. All other categories showed percentage increases ranging from 3.8% (for motor vehicle theft) to 8.3% for larceny-theft. Overall, then, when the total number of arrests for Crime Index offenses in 1981 is compared to data from 1971 and 1977 (the beginning and five year break points for analyses in this report) the figures show a decrease of 9.1% (from 1971) and an increase of the same amount (9.1%) over 1977 levels.

Table 6

Number of Arrests for Crime Index Offenses in the District of Columbia, Calendar Years 1971-1981

Years	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter[a]	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson[b]
1971	12,833	5,592	7,291	229	311	2,712	2,340	2,755	3,430	1,106	-
1972	13,592	6,112	7,480	260	455	2,631	2,766	2,818	3,574	1,088	-
1973	12,524	5,676	6,848	244	336	2,592	2,504	2,364	3,390	1,094	-
1974	14,253	5,632	8,621	312	323	2,890	2,107	3,527	4,223	871	-
1975	13,875	5,634	8,241	326	280	3,061	1,967	3,063	4,359	819	-
1976	12,698	5,214	7,484	239	228	2,785	1,962	2,310	4,307	867	-
1977	10,693	4,084	6,609	196	212	1,987	1,689	1,962	3,847	800	-
1978	10,697	3,579	7,118	162	180	1,722	1,515	1,992	4,101	1,025	-
1979	11,932	3,891	8,041	173	199	1,832	1,687	2,235	4,503	1,233	70
1980	11,169	3,835	7,334	162	162	1,822	1,689	1,955	4,192	1,125	62
1981	11,670	3,853	7,817	191	136	1,910	1,616	2,066	4,538	1,168	45

[a]Data for 1971-1976 include arrests for Manslaughter by Negligence which is a Part I offense but not a Crime Index offense.

[b]Arson was classified as an Index Crime in 1979 and included in the Property Crime total and Crime Index total for 1979-1981 only.

SOURCES: 1971-76: Office of Criminal Justice Plans and Analysis, 1978 Comprehensive Criminal Justice Plan, January 1978. 1977-1981: Metropolitan Police Department, unpublished data.

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Juvenile Arrests

In previous reports it has been noted that juvenile arrests for Crime Index offenses have declined since 1976 with the one exception being an increase of 7.4% for the years 1977-1978. This trend toward decrease is again evident in the 1981 data, as the total number of juvenile arrests for Crime Index offenses in 1981 was 2,428 a figure down 1% from the previous year's total of 2,453. (Cf. the data presented in Table 7). Further, as juvenile arrests from 1981 comprise 20.8% of 1981 arrests, the proportion of juveniles vis a vis adults has continued to decrease, here by 1.2% since 1980. (The proportion of juvenile and adult arrests for Crime Index offenses in 1980 were 22% and 78%, respectively). Worthy of note with respect to juvenile data, however, is the fact that in spite of general decreases, juvenile arrests for specific violent offenses have increased. Thus, juvenile arrests for murder and non-negligent manslaughter have increased in 1981 by 50% (over 1980 data), arrests for forcible rape by 5.9% (over 1980 data), and arrests for aggravated assault by 4.6% (over 1980 data). More reflective of the general decrease in juvenile arrests are the figures for property crime arrests, down 1.4% overall, with the category of motor vehicle theft constituting the only category of increase in 1981 (up by 5.9% over 1980 data). (Cf Table 8).

Table 7

Number of Juveniles Arrested for Crime Index Offenses
in the District of Columbia, Calendar Years 1971-1981

Year	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter[a]	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson[b]
1971	3,750	1,208	2,542	17	88	827	276	1,084	971	487	-
1972	3,752	1,123	2,629	19	122	669	313	1,031	1,134	464	-
1973	3,651	1,039	2,612	9	50	742	238	1,075	1,080	457	-
1974	3,688	984	2,704	20	76	757	131	1,424	1,023	257	-
1975	3,997	1,371	2,626	26	34	1,096	215	1,279	1,082	265	-
1976	3,752	1,340	2,412	22	38	1,016	264	1,084	1,072	256	-
1977	3,322	988	2,334	22	61	646	259	915	1,115	304	-
1978	3,568	916	2,652	16	27	601	272	1,003	1,261	388	-
1979	3,280	863	2,417	15	26	601	221	859	1,130	407	21
1980	2,453	721	1,732	8	17	478	218	577	807	340	8
1981	2,428	720	1,708	12	18	462	228	572	768	360	8

[a]Data for 1971-1976 include arrests for Manslaughter by Negligence which is a Part I offense but not a Crime Index offense.

[b]Arson was classified as an Index Crime in 1979 and is included in the Property Crime total and Crime Index total for 1979-1981 only.

SOURCES: 1971-76: Office of Criminal Justice Plans and Analysis, 1978 Comprehensive Criminal Justice Plan, January 1978. 1977-81: Metropolitan Police Department, unpublished data.

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Table 8

Annual Rates of Change (in percents) of Juvenile Arrests for Crime Index Offenses in the District of Columbia, Calendar Years 1971-1981

Years	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter[a]	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson[b]
1971-72	0.1	-7.0	3.4	11.8	38.6	-19.1	13.4	-4.9	16.8	-4.7	-
1972-73	-2.7	-7.5	-0.7	-52.6	-59.0	10.9	-24.0	4.3	-4.8	-1.5	-
1973-74	1.0	-5.3	3.5	122.2	52.0	2.0	-45.0	32.5	-5.3	-43.8	-
1974-75	8.4	39.3	-2.9	30.0	-55.3	44.8	64.1	-10.2	5.8	3.1	-
1975-76	-6.1	-2.3	-8.2	-15.4	11.8	-7.3	22.8	-15.2	-0.9	-3.4	-
1976-77	-11.5	-26.3	-3.2	0.0	60.5	-36.4	-1.9	-15.6	4.0	18.8	-
1977-78	7.4	-7.3	13.6	-27.3	-55.7	-7.0	5.0	9.6	13.1	27.6	-
1978-79	-8.7	-5.8	-9.7	-6.3	-3.7	0.0	-18.8	-14.4	-10.4	4.9	-
1979-80	-25.0	-16.5	-28.1	-46.7	-34.6	-20.5	-1.4	-32.9	-28.7	-16.5	-
1980-81	-1.0	-0.1	-1.4	50.0	5.9	-3.3	4.6	-0.9	-4.8	5.9	-
1971-81	-35.2	-40.4	-32.8	-29.4	-79.5	-44.1	-17.4	-47.2	-20.9	-26.1	-
1977-81	-26.9	-27.1	-26.8	-45.5	-70.5	-28.5	-12.0	-37.5	-31.1	18.4	-

[a] Data for 1971-1976 include arrests for Manslaughter by Negligence which is a Part I offense but not a Crime Index offense.

[b] Arson was not included in any calculations of rates of change, since it was not classified as a Crime Index offense 1979.

SOURCES: 1971-76: Office of Criminal Justice Plans and Analysis, 1978 Comprehensive Criminal Justice Plan, January 1978. 1977-81: Metropolitan Police Department, unpublished data.

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Adult Arrests

Figures in Table 9 show the number of adult arrests for Crime Index offenses in the District of Columbia for the years 1971 to 1981. Although the total number of adult arrests for Crime Index offenses peaked in 1974 and then steadily declined until 1978, it began rising again in 1979 and has risen steadily through 1980 and 1981. Thus, 1981 figures show an increase of 6.0% over the previous year, an increase of 6.8% over figures for 1979, and an increase of 29.6% and 25.4% over figures from 1978 to 1977 respectively. Data for total adult arrests in 1981 do not show any increase over the peak year of 1974, however, but rather a decline of 12.5%.

A more direct measure of the increase in adult arrests emerges when attention is focused specifically on arrests for violent and property crimes per se. Thus, adult arrests for violent crimes increased in 1981 by .6% over 1980 levels, and adult arrests for property crimes increased by 9.1%. Arrests for all categories of property crimes evidenced increases, but with respect to arrests for violent crimes, only the offenses of homicide and robbery evidenced increases (of 16.2% and 7.7% respectively). Arrests for forcible rape decreased by 18.6% and arrests for aggravated assault by 5.6%.

Table 9

Number of Adults Arrested for Crime Index Offenses
in the District of Columbia, Calendar Years 1971-1981

Year	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter[a]	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson[b]
1971	9,133	4,384	4,749	212	223	1,885	2,064	1,671	2,459	619	-
1972	9,840	4,989	4,851	241	333	1,962	2,453	1,787	2,440	624	-
1973	8,873	4,637	4,236	235	286	1,850	2,266	1,289	2,310	637	-
1974	10,565	4,648	5,917	292	247	2,133	1,976	2,103	3,200	614	-
1975	9,878	4,263	5,615	300	246	1,965	1,752	1,784	3,277	554	-
1976	8,946	3,874	5,072	217	190	1,769	1,698	1,226	3,235	611	-
1977	7,371	3,096	4,275	174	151	1,341	1,430	1,047	2,732	496	-
1978	7,129	2,663	4,466	146	153	1,121	1,243	989	2,840	637	-
1979	8,652	3,028	5,624	158	173	1,231	1,466	1,376	3,373	826	49
1980	8,716	3,114	5,602	154	145	1,344	1,471	1,378	3,385	785	54
1981	9,242	3,133	6,109	179	118	1,448	1,388	1,494	3,770	808	37

[a]Data for 1971-1976 include arrests for Manslaughter by Negligence which is a Part I offense but not a Crime Index offense.

[b]Arson was classified as an Index Crime in 1979 and is included in the Property Crime total and Crime Index total for 1979-1981 only.

SOURCES: 1971-76: Office of Criminal Justice Plans and Analysis, 1978 Comprehensive Criminal Justice Plan, January 1978. 1977-81: Metropolitan Police Department, unpublished data.

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Juvenile and Adult Arrest Locations

An analysis of juvenile and adult Crime Index arrests by arrest locations -- with the latter operationalized in terms of Police Districts -- suggests that the highest proportion of all arrests occurs in 1-D where a full 25% of all adult and juvenile arrests take place (Cf. Table 10 below for specific figures). Further, this generalization holds for the most part across juvenile and adult arrests for violent and property related crimes with the single exception being that the highest proportion of juveniles arrested for violent crime occurs in 7-D. Adult and juvenile arrests for property crime, however, are highest in 1-D and in almost exact proportions, i.e., 28.4% for adults and 28.7% for juveniles.

Table 10

Percent of Juvenile and Adult Arrests by Police Districts in the District of Columbia, CY 1981

Police	Crime Index Total		Violent Crime Total		Property Crime Total	
	Adult	Juvenile	Adult	Juvenile	Adult	Juvenile
1	25.0	25.0	18.4	16.7	28.4	28.7
2	12.9	8.3	7.4	7.6	15.3	8.6
3	13.9	9.8	15.9	13.1	12.9	8.5
4	10.2	12.0	11.1	14.0	9.5	11.1
5	11.4	11.1	11.1	11.5	11.5	11.6
6	7.6	15.9	9.4	16.8	6.6	15.5
7	10.0	17.3	12.5	20.3	8.7	16.0
Other[a]	8.7	—	13.9	—	6.9	—

[a]Other indicates arrests by specialized units not assigned to specific district and includes arrest by the following: CID - Crime Investigation Division; TD - Traffic Division; YD - Youth Division; SOD - Special Operations Division; SERV - Special division including morals, sex, narcotics.

The second police district exhibits the lowest proportion of juvenile arrests for Crime Index offenses and the third highest proportion of adult arrests for Crime Index offenses. The lowest proportion of adult arrests for Crime Index offenses occurs in 6-D, where juvenile arrests ranked third. Both juvenile and adult arrests are relatively equally distributed within the fourth and fifth police districts, and in the sixth and seventh districts juvenile arrests tend to outweigh those of adults. The lowest proportion of both juvenile and adult arrests for violent crime occur in 2-D and the lowest proportion of adult and juvenile arrests for property crimes occur in the sixth and second districts respectively. Overall, then, adult and juvenile arrests for violent crime are only moderately correlated across districts, whereas for property crimes they tend to exhibit an inverse rather than positive correlation.

Profile of Arrestees

Although 1981 population estimates of the sex ratio for the District of Columbia were not available at the writing of this report, 1980 Census data put that ratio at 45% for males and 55% for females. However, in contrast to these figures, males account for 88.3% of the District's arrestee population with females accounting for 11.7% of this population. Males between the ages of 15-19 constitute the largest single proportion of District arrestees (i.e., 24%), and as was the case with data from 1980, the modal age for male arrestees is 18 years. Male arrestees aged 24 and under account for approximately half of the District's overall arrestee population, and when the age limit is increased to 29, one finds that 65.8% (or nearly two-thirds) of the District's arrestee population has been accounted for. (Cf Table 11).

The breakdown of this population by both sex and race reflects figures similar to those of previous years. Thus, non-white males comprise 81.3% of the adult arrestee population, and non-white females 11.4%. White males and females together comprise 7.3% of this population. (Cf. Table 12 for the specific figures from which these percentages are derived).

With respect to juveniles arrested in the District, the breakdown by race and sex is slightly different. Data in table 13 indicate that non-white males account for 90.1% of the juvenile arrestee population, while non-white females account for 7.7% of this population. White males and white females together account for 2.1% of the juvenile arrestee population.

Juveniles also account for a proportionately higher number of arrests for burglary, motor vehicle theft and robbery, while adult arrests are proportionately higher for murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, aggravated assault and larceny-theft.

Overall, juvenile arrests account for 6.2% of arrests for violent crimes in 1981 and 14.6% of arrests for property crimes in 1981. Adults account, alternatively, for the remaining proportions, i.e., 26.8% of arrests for violent crimes and 52.3% of arrests for property crimes.

Table 11

Number of Juveniles and Adults Arrested for Crime Index Offenses by Sex and Age in the District of Columbia, Calendar Year 1981

Sex and Age	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
Male											
7-10	56	16	40	0	0	7	9	18	19	0	3
11-14	675	173	502	0	3	116	54	193	237	71	1
15-19	2,799	871	1,928	33	23	606	209	597	892	435	4
20-24	2,320	799	1,521	38	46	472	243	446	852	215	8
25-29	1,829	587	1,242	34	23	310	220	344	730	164	4
30-34	1,174	383	791	27	27	153	176	174	518	92	7
35-39	567	198	369	9	7	58	124	100	230	35	4
40-44	341	136	205	6	5	24	101	37	156	17	1
45-49	190	68	122	3	1	9	55	23	91	7	1
50-54	138	83	55	4	1	8	70	9	40	4	2
55-59	80	38	42	3	0	3	32	11	29	2	0
60-64	50	26	24	4	0	0	22	4	19	0	1
65+	48	28	20	5	0	0	23	2	18	0	0
Unknown	33	8	27	1	0	0	7	3	22	2	0
Total	10,302	3,414	6,888	167	136	1,766	1,345	1,961	3,847	1,044	38
Female											
7-10	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
11-14	59	32	27	0	0	14	18	7	16	4	0
15-19	264	98	166	2	0	35	61	39	88	38	1
20-24	354	79	275	5	0	37	37	29	209	32	5
25-29	339	95	244	3	0	35	57	16	199	29	0
30-34	160	47	113	4	0	13	30	6	97	9	1
35-39	59	26	33	2	0	3	21	3	22	7	1
40-44	58	26	32	2	0	2	22	4	25	3	0
45-49	27	10	17	2	0	2	6	1	14	2	0
50-54	12	5	7	0	0	0	5	0	7	0	0
55-59	17	10	7	3	0	0	7	0	7	0	0
60-64	5	3	2	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0
65+	6	2	4	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	1
Unknown	7	5	2	0	0	3	2	0	2	0	0
Total	1,388	439	929	24	0	144	271	105	691	124	9
GRAND TOTAL	11,670	3,853	7,817	191	136	1,910	1,616	2,066	4,538	1,168	45

SOURCE: Metropolitan Police Department, March 30, 1982.

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Table 12

Number of Adults Arrested for Crime Index Offenses by Sex and Color
in the District of Columbia, Calendar Year 1981

	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
Sex and Color											
Male											
White	560	126	434	4	4	45	73	92	290	48	4
Nonwhite	7,512	2,667	4,845	152	114	1,298	1,103	1,328	2,833	659	25
Female											
White	118	18	100	0	0	9	9	6	81	13	0
Nonwhite	1,052	322	730	23	0	96	203	68	566	88	8
Total	9,242	3,133	6,109	179	118	1,448	1,388	1,494	3,770	808	37
Sex											
Male	8,070	2,793	5,279	156	118	1,343	1,176	1,420	3,123	707	29
Female	1,170	340	830	23	0	105	212	74	647	101	8
Total	9,242	3,133	6,109	179	118	1,448	1,388	1,494	3,770	808	37
Color											
White	678	144	534	4	4	54	82	98	371	61	4
Nonwhite	8,564	2,989	5,575	175	114	394	1,306	1,396	3,399	747	33
Total	9,242	3,133	6,109	179	118	1,448	1,388	1,494	3,770	808	37

SOURCE: Metropolitan Police Department, unpublished data.

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Table 13

Number of Juveniles Arrested for Crime Index Offenses by Sex and Color
in the District of Columbia, Calendar Year 1981

	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
Sex and Color											
Male											
White	45	14	31	1	0	7	6	8	14	9	0
Nonwhite	2,188	610	1,578	10	18	419	163	533	710	328	7
Female											
White	7	2	5	1	0	0	1	0	3	2	0
Nonwhite	188	94	94	0	0	36	58	31	41	21	1
Total	2,428	720	1,708	12	18	462	228	572	768	360	8
Sex											
Male	2,233	624	1,609	11	18	426	169	541	724	337	7
Female	195	96	99	1	0	36	59	31	44	23	1
Total	2,428	720	1,708	12	18	462	228	572	768	360	8
Color											
White	52	16	36	2	0	7	7	8	17	11	0
Nonwhite	2,376	704	1,672	10	18	455	221	564	751	349	8
Total	2,428	720	1,708	12	18	462	228	572	768	360	8

SOURCE: Metropolitan Police Department, unpublished data.

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Selected Analysis

Differences Between Male and Female Arrestees

Although the discussion above indicates no major change in the sex ratio of the arrestee population from 1980 to 1981, a closer examination of this variable among arrestees aged 15 to 24 indicates a pattern worthy of note. Of especial importance here is the fact that the modal age for these subsets differs, as for males this age is 18, whereas for females it is 21. Further, although the proportions of male and female arrestees tend to peak and then decrease after these modal ages, the decrease is noticably slower for females than for males, and it tends to stabilize at proportionately higher levels. Thus, when one considers the differences between male and female arrests within this age category, one finds a three year pattern of difference between males and females and an apparent shift in arrest patterns for the ages of 20 to 24.

A second point of comparison between male and female arrestees focuses on the changes for which females and males ages 15-24 are arrested. Thus females account for a proportionately higher number of arrests for aggravated assault and larceny-theft, while male arrests are proportionately higher for robbery and burglary. Few proportional differences exist however, in male and female arrests for murder, motor vehicle theft and arson, although here again, women arrestees tend to be older than male arrestees. (Cf Table 14).

Table 14

Number of Juveniles and Adults Aged 15 to 24 Arrested for Crime Index Offenses by Sex and Age in the District of Columbia, Calendar Year 1981

	Crime Index Total	Violent Crime Total	Property Crime Total	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
Male											
15	508	134	374	3	6	90	35	131	168	75	0
16	643	198	445	6	5	132	55	150	176	116	3
17	351	103	248	2	4	81	16	49	124	75	0
18	675	223	452	12	4	155	52	127	225	100	0
19	622	213	409	10	4	148	51	140	199	69	1
20	412	141	271	9	6	95	31	78	151	41	1
21	513	177	336	8	6	110	53	107	182	44	3
22	469	155	314	5	9	87	54	97	183	33	1
23	492	164	328	9	12	90	53	98	178	51	1
24	454	162	292	7	13	90	52	66	178	46	2
Total	5,139	1,670	3,469	71	69	1,078	452	1,043	1,764	650	12
Female											
15	53	27	26	0	0	10	17	8	11	6	1
16	55	22	33	1	0	7	14	14	11	8	0
17	27	14	13	0	0	5	9	2	6	5	0
18	57	17	40	1	0	5	11	6	21	13	0
19	72	18	54	0	0	8	10	9	39	6	0
20	43	8	35	0	0	3	5	3	27	5	0
21	84	17	67	0	0	10	7	10	45	10	2
22	79	12	67	0	0	6	6	6	54	6	1
23	74	20	54	3	0	11	6	4	44	6	0
24	74	22	52	2	0	7	13	6	39	5	2
Total	618	177	441	7	0	72	98	68	297	70	6

SOURCE: Metropolitan Police Department, unpublished data.

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Violent Crimes and Type of Weapon

A point of ongoing concern in criminal justice research addresses the question of firearms usage in the commission of a crime. Table 15 reports the number and percentages of reported violent crimes by type of weapon. For all Crime Index violent offenses for which a weapon was used and identified, 46.2% involved the use of firearms. Either a handgun, rifle or shotgun was used in 53.8% of reported homicides, 52.1% of reported robberies and 32.6% of reported aggravated assaults. A handgun was used in 4.8% of all reported rapes. In contrast to data from 1980, bodily force rather than the use of a knife or other cutting instrument was the second most frequently used weapon in the commission of a violent crime.

The ratio of firearm usage in the commission of a violent crime increased in 1981 to 46.2 percent, up slightly more than four percentage points over 1980 figures, where only 42% of reported violent crimes (in which a weapon was identified) involved the use of firearms. Handgun usage jumped from 39.5% in 1980 to 4.3% in 1981 and the use of a rifle or shotgun declined from 2.5% in 1980 to 2.3% in 1981.

An especially salient form of assault with weapons involves assaults against police officers. Table 16 presents the number and percentage of reported assaults against police officers by type of weapon. Bodily force was the most frequently used weapon in assaults against police officers in 1981, as it accounts for 58% of all reported assaults against police officers involving the use of a weapon. In contrast, firearms usage accounts for only 13.2% of the weapons used in assaults against police officers in 1981 and the use of a knife or cutting instrument only 7.3%.

Table 15

Number and Percent of Reported Violent Crime by Type of Weapon
in the District of Columbia, Calendar Year 1981

Type of Weapon[a]	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter		Forcible Rape		Robbery		Aggravated Assault		Violent Crime Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Handgun	118	52.9	20	4.8	5,223	50.2	992	28.9	6,353	43.9
Rifle or Shotgun	2	0.9	0	0.0	197	1.9	127	3.7	326	2.3
Knife or Cutting Instrument	51	22.9	16	3.9	780	7.5	1,013	29.5	1,860	12.9
Bodily Force	9	4.0	2	0.5	3,300	31.7	202	5.9	3,513	24.3
Other Object	19	8.5	0	0.0	507	4.9	1,018	29.7	1,544	10.7
Weapon Unknown	24	10.8	376	90.8	392	3.8	80	2.3	872	6.0
TOTAL	223	100.0	414	100.0	10,399	100.0	3,432	100.0	14,468	100.1

[a]The following classification was used: Handgun - pressure gun, revolver or pistol, .45, .32, .38, and .22 caliber pistol: Rifle or Shotgun - air rifle, rifle, and shotgun; Knife or Cutting Instrument - axe, cleaver, fork, hatchet, ice pick, knife; Bodily Force - hands, fists, teeth, etc.; Other Object - can opener, baton, blackjack, blunt instrument, bottle, brass knuckles, bricks, clubs, fire, flat iron, fountain pen, gas gun, hammer, hot water, iron pipe, lamp, ash tray, shovel, stick, stone, toy, glass, chair, dish, other where weapon known.

SOURCE: Metropolitan Police Department, "Property Attacked, Method, Weapon, Property Stolen," March 30, 1982.

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Table 16

Assaults Against Police Officers by Type of Weapon
in the District of Columbia, Calendar Year 1981

Type of Weapon	Number	Percent
Handguns	25	12.2
Rifle or Shotgun	2	1.0
Knife or Cutting Instruments	15	7.3
Bodily Force	119	58.0
Other Object Weapon Known	32	15.6
Weapon Unknown	12	5.9
Total	205	100.0

SOURCE: Metropolitan Police Department, Property Attacked, Method, Weapon, Property Stolen, March 30, 1982

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Reported Drug Offenses and Arrests

In the 1980 Crime and Arrest Profile update attention was directed to the increased usage of illegitimate substances in the District of Columbia. Further, in that report it was noted that although both juvenile and adult arrests for drug law violations had increased steadily from 1977 to 1979, juvenile arrests for drug law violations had begun to decrease in 1980. Table 17 below presents these data again and supplements them with data from 1981 so that 1980-1981 changes may be observed.

Adult arrests for drug law violations increased in 1981 by 43% over 1980 figures, and juvenile arrests by 8.89% over 1980 figures. In spite, then, of the fact that juvenile arrests for drug law violations had decreased briefly in 1980, they have begun to rise again, and they are presently at a level higher than that of 1979, the previous peak year for such arrests.*

Table 17

Number of Reported Offenses, Adult Arrests and Juvenile Arrests
for Violation of Drug Laws in the District of Columbia
CY 1977-1981

Year	Reported Offense	% Change	Adult Arrests	% Change	Juvenile Arrests	% Change	Total Arrests	
1977	2,125	—	2,384	—	221	—	2,605	—
1978	2,643	24.4	2,830	18.7	280	21.7	3,110	19.4
1979	3,443	30.3	3,915	38.3	335	19.6	4,250	36.7
1980	3,567	3.6	4,241	8.3	315	-6.0	4,556	7.2
1981	6,408	79.6	6,065	43.0	343	8.89	6,408	40.6

*In a special addendum to this report several tables on Juvenile and Adult Part II Drug Arrests for CY 1977-81 are presented.

Summary

The data presented in this report present crime and arrest patterns for the District of Columbia for CY 1981 and draw relevant comparisons with data drawn from previous year.

In general terms the District ranks second in reported violent crime and fourth in reported property crimes when compared to cities of comparable size selected by the MPD for purposes of comparison. The relatively high ranking in reported violent crime is accounted for almost exclusively by the high proportion of assaults and robberies reported in the District (viz., 24 and 72 percent respectively), and the District's relatively moderate rank in reported property crimes is comprised largely by an ongoing proportion of larceny-thefts (61.7% of the District's reported property crime) and burglaries (31.2% of the District's reported property crimes). Thus as noted in previous crime and arrest profiles, the District remains plagued by offenses associated largely with motives of economic gain, with the offenses of burglary, larceny-theft and robbery continuing to prevail.

The demographic characteristics of the District's 1981 arrestee population continue to reflect the patterns exhibited in previous years. This population is predominantly male (88.3%) rather than female (11.7%) and non-white (92.7%) rather than white (7.3%). Further, the modal age for male arrestees is again 18 years a level noted in the 1980 Crime and Arrest Profile update. Finally, the proportion of juvenile arrestees in the District has continued to decrease with the proportion of juvenile and adult arrestees at 20.8 and 79.2 percents respectively.

A closer examination of the arrestee population by both age and sex did reveal, however, that there are major differences between males and females, as female arrestees tended to be three years older than male arrestees, and as female and male arrestees ages 20-24 tended to exhibit differential patterns of arrest.

The use of firearms during the commission of Crime Index offenses increased numerically as well as proportionately in terms of the percentage of firearms used in violent offenses. In 1981 there were 6,353 offenses in which handguns were used and an additional 326 offenses in which either a shotgun or rifle was used. Firearms were used in 43.9% of reported violent offenses in 1981 as compared to 42.0% in 1980. These figures indicate an increasing trend in the use of firearms in the commission of offenses, as in 1979 the proportion of firearms used in the commission of offenses was only 36.4%.

An additional area of importance addresses increasing arrests for drug law violations, and here increases are evident for both juveniles and adults. More directly, although adult arrests for drug law violations have been increasing steadily since 1977, juvenile arrests for drug law violations had begun to decrease in 1980. Data for 1981, though, show a reversed situation, with juvenile arrests for drug law violations up nearly 9% over 1980 figures, and exceeding the peak year of 1979.

As noted in the text of this report, the District remains plagued by crimes largely associated with motives of financial gain. This fact is reflected in the increased number of burglaries, robberies and larcenies which are reported in the District, and it is intimated in the increased number of juvenile and adult arrests for drug law violations. Thus, although 1981 offense data evidence increases in both violent and property related crimes, the preponderance of property related offenses continues to prevail.

ADDENDUM

Juvenile and Adult Part II Drug Arrests, CY 1977-1981

The following tables were derived from Metropolitan Police Department data on arrest for drug laws in the District of Columbia. A Part II offense, drug arrest categories have been presented as follows:

Juvenile and Adult Part II Drug Arrests 1977-1981

Juvenile and Adult Part II Drug Arrests by Type of Drug 1977-1981

Juvenile and Adult Part II Drug Arrests by District 1981

Number and Percent of Juvenile and Adult Arrestees for Drug Sales and Drug Possession 1977-1981

Percent Change in Total Arrests for Part II Drug Offenses 1977-1981

Percent Change in Juvenile and Adult Arrests for Drug Sales and Possession 1977-1981

Percent Change in Juvenile and Adult Part II Drug Arrests by Sex 1977-1981

Attachments

Table A

Juvenile Part II Drug Arrests
Calendar Years 1977-1981

	1977	1978[a]	1979[b]	1980	1981
Felony	24	15	23	28	70
Misdemeanor	197	265	312	287	273
Total	221	280	335	315	343
Males	195	261	303	290	310
Females	26	19	32	25	33
Total	221	280	335	315	343
White	31	21	15	9	18
Non-White	190	259	320	306	325
Total	221	280	335	315	343

[a]The 1978 total includes one person ages 18-20 arrested as a juvenile and prosecuted under the Youth Corrections Act.

[b]The 1979 total includes 5 persons ages 18-20 arrested as juveniles and prosecuted under the Youth Corrections Act.

Source: Metropolitan Police Department, unpublished data.
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Table B

Adult Part II Drug Arrests
Calendar Years 1977-1981

	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
Felony	853	1,341	822	654	1,026
Misdemeanor	1,531	1,489	3,093	3,587	5,039
Total	2,384	2,830	3,915	4,241	6,065
Males	2,035	2,458	3,405	3,753	5,288
Females	349	372	510	488	777
Total	2,384	2,830	3,915	4,241	6,065
White	280	244	298	383	499
Non-White	2,104	2,586	3,617	3,858	5,566
Total	2,384	2,830	3,915	4,241	6,065

SOURCE: Metropolitan Police Department, unpublished data.
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Table C

Juvenile Part II Drug Arrests by Type of Drug
Calendar Years 1977-1981

	1977		1978		1979		1980		1981	
SALES	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Opium/cocaine and derivatives (heroin, morphine, codine)	18	81.8	13	92.9	20	90.9	13	72.2	14	24.1
Marijuana	4	18.2	0	0.0	2	9.1	3	16.7	17	29.3
Synthetic/manufactured narcotics (demerol, methadones)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other dangerous non-narcotic drugs (barbituates, benzedrine)	0	0.0	1	7.1	0	0.0	2	11.1	27	46.4
Total	22	100.0	14	100.0	22	100.0	18	100.0	58	100.0
POSSESSION										
Opium/cocaine and derivatives (heroin, morphine, codine)	8	4.0	2	0.8	4	1.3	11	3.7	18	6.3
Marijuana	180	90.5	251	94.7	281	91.2	269	90.5	248	87.0
Synthetic/manufactured narcotics (demerol, methadones)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other dangerous non-narcotic drugs (barbituates, benzedrine)	11	5.5	12	4.5	23	7.5	17	5.7	19	6.7
Total	199	100.0	265	100.0	308	100.0	297	99.9	285	100.0
GRAND TOTAL	221	—	279	—	330	—	315	—	343	—

SOURCE: Metropolitan Police Department, unpublished data.
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Table D

Adult Part II Drug Arrests by Type of Drug
Calendar Years 1977-1981

	1977		1978		1979		1980		1981	
SALES	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Opium/cocaine and derivatives (heroin, morphine, codine)	111	78.7	160	71.7	179	93.7	102	81.6	169	48.3
Marijuana	15	10.6	31	13.9	3	1.6	9	7.2	53	15.1
Synthetic/manufactured narcotics (demerol, methadones)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other dangerous non-narcotic drugs (barbituates, benzedrine)	15	10.6	32	14.4	9	4.7	14	11.2	128	36.6
Total	141	99.9	223	100.0	191	100.0	125	100.0	350	100.0
POSSESSION										
Opium/cocaine and derivatives (heroin, morphine, codine)	781	34.8	821	31.5	1,940	52.1	2,043	49.6	3,875	67.8
Marijuana	977	43.6	1,103	42.3	918	24.6	1,074	26.1	988	17.3
Synthetic/manufactured narcotics (demerol, methadones)	9	.4	163	6.3	409	11.0	383	9.3	145	2.5
Other dangerous non-narcotic drugs (barbituates, benzedrine)	476	21.2	520	20.0	457	12.3	616	15.0	707	12.4
Total	2,243	100.0	2,607	100.1	3,724	100.0	4,116	100.0	5,715	100.0
GRAND TOTAL	2,384	—	2,830	—	3,915	—	4,241	—	6,065	—

SOURCE: Metropolitan Police Department, unpublished data.
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Table E

Number and Percent of Juvenile Drug Arrests for Sales and Possession
Calendar Years 1977-1981

	1977		1978		1979		1980		1981	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Sales	22	10.0	14	5.0	22	6.7	18	5.7	58	16.9
Possession	199	90.0	265	95.0	308	93.3	297	94.3	285	83.1
Total	221	100.0	279	100.0	330	100.0	315	100.0	343	100.0

Number and Percent of Adult Drug Arrests for Sales and Possession
Calendar Years 1977-1981

	1977		1978		1979		1980		1981	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Sales	141	5.9	223	7.9	191	4.9	125	2.9	350	5.8
Possession	2,243	94.1	2,607	92.1	3,724	95.1	4,116	97.1	5,715	94.2
Total	2,384	100.0	2,830	100.0	3,915	100.0	4,241	100.0	6,065	100.0

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Memorandum • Government of the District of Columbia

TO: OCJPA STAFF

Department,
Agency, Office:

FROM: MARLENE CARPENTER

Date: AUGUST 6, ~~1981~~ 1982

SUBJECT: 1981 UPDATE:CRIME IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Attached are the updated numerical tables specifying crime in the District from 1971 to 1981. Please report directly to me any errors you may encounter.

THANK YOU

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TABLE	TITLE
1	Estimated Population by Age for the District of Columbia, Calendar Year 1981
2	Population Estimates and Number and Rate per 100,000 of Reported Crime Index Offenses in the District of Columbia, Calendar Years 1971-1981
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4	Number of Reported Crime Index Offenses by Month in the District of Columbia, Calendar Year 1981
5	Number of Reported Crime Index Offenses by Day of the Week in the District of Columbia, Calendar Year 1981
6	Number of Reported Crime Index Offenses by Police District in the District of Columbia, Calendar Year 1981
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18 Annual Rates of Change (in percents) of Juvenile Arrests for Crime Index Offenses in the District of Columbia, Calendar Years 1971-1981

19 Number of Adults Arrested for Crime Index Offenses in the District of Columbia, Calendar Years 1971-1981

20 Annual Rates of Change (in percents) of Adult Arrests for Crime Index Offenses in the District of Columbia, Calendar Years 1971-1981

21 NEW Number of Adult Arrests for Crime Index Offenses by Police District in the District of Columbia, Calendar Year 1981

22 NEW Number of Juvenile Arrests for Crime Index Offenses by Police District in the District of Columbia, Calendar Year 1981

23 NEW Number of Juvenile and Adult Arrests for Part I and Part II Offenses in the District of Columbia, Calendar Years 1971-1981

24 Number and Percent of Reported Offenses, Adult Arrests, and Juvenile Arrests for Part II Crimes by Type of Crime, in the District of Columbia, Calendar Year 1981

25 NEW Number of Adult and Juvenile Arrests for Specific Part II Offenses in the District of Columbia, Calendar Years 1977-1981

26 NEW Percent Change of Adult and Juvenile Arrests for Specific Part II Offenses in the District of Columbia, Calendar Years 1977-1981

27 Number of Juveniles and Adults Arrested for Crime Index Offenses by Sex and Age in the District of Columbia, Calendar Year 1981

28 Number of Juveniles and Adults Aged 15 to 24 Arrested for Crime Index Offenses by Sex and Age in the District of Columbia, Calendar Year 1981

29 Number of Juveniles Arrested for Crime Index Offenses by Sex and Color in the District of Columbia, Calendar Year 1981

30 Number of Adults Arrested for Crime Index Offenses by Sex and Color in the District of Columbia, Calendar Year 1981

Table 1

Estimated Population[a] by Age for the District of Columbia, Calendar Year 1981

ALL AGES	POPULATION ESTIMATE
	630,600
0-4	34,400
5-9	36,250
10-14	36,250
15-19	51,900
20-24	70,400
25-29	66,800
30-34	59,400
35-39	42,200
40-44	33,500
45-49	29,700
50-54	31,900
55-59	33,700
60-64	29,700
65+	74,500
0-6	48,900
7-17	89,140
18+	492,560

[a]Population estimates by Sex and Color were not available.

SOURCE: Office of Planning and Development, 1981 Provisional Estimates, unpublished data.

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Table F

Juvenile[a] and Adult Part II Drug Arrests by District
Calendar Year 1981

District	Juvenile	Adult
1	51	761
2	14	138
3	89	1,679
4	30	313
5	35	352
6	52	283
7	72	615
CID	—	3
TD	—	7
YD	—	0
SOD	—	239
SERV	—	1,674
Other	—	1
Total Felonies	70	1,026
Total Misdemeanors	273	5,039
TOTAL	343	6,065

[a]In cases where juveniles were arrested by Special Police Units, the arrests were credited to the police districts. Please refer to the tables for a definition of Special Police Units.

Table G

Percent Change in Total Arrests for Part II Drug Offenses
Calendar Years 1977-1981

Year	Juvenile	Adult
1977-78	26.7	18.7
1978-79	19.6	38.3
1979-80	-6.0	8.3
1980-81	8.9	43.0

Percent Change in Juvenile and Adult Arrests for Drug Sales
Calendar Years 1977-1981

Year	Juvenile	Adult
1977-78	-36.4	58.2
1978-79	57.1	-14.3
1979-80	-18.2	-34.6
1980-81	222.2	180.0

Percent Change in Juvenile and Adult Arrests for Drug Possession
Calendar Years 1977-1981

Year	Juvenile	Adult
1977-78	33.2	16.2
1978-79	16.2	42.8
1979-80	3.6	10.5
1980-81	-4.0	38.8

SOURCE: Metropolitan Police Department, unpublished data
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Table H

Percent Change in Juvenile and Adult Part II Drug Arrests by Sex
Calendar Years 1977-1978

Adult

Year	Female	Male
1977-78	6.6	20.8
1978-79	37.1	38.5
1979-80	-4.3	10.2
1980-81	59.2	40.9

Juvenile

Year	Female	Male
1977-78	-26.9	33.8
1978-79	68.4	16.1
1979-80	-21.9	-4.3
1980-81	32.0	6.9

SOURCE: Metropolitan Police Department, unpublished data.
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